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Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The British Columbia University is, to all intents, a state institution.

One of the Assistant Professors who was appointed on the recommendation of the Principal for three years was not re-engaged at the date of the expiry of his contract. As Minister of Education the matter has come to my attention.

I am writing this letter to ascertain, through your courtesy, the procedure adopted generally in your institution with reference to Full Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors.

(a) Are your professors (as listed above) under contract?

(b) What notice of dismissal is usually given?

(c) If on contract and the professor is satisfactory, is his contract formally renewed or does he automatically continue without further formal notice?

Under your constitution and practice, has the Principal or the President full control over dismissals?

I should greatly appreciate an early reply.

Yours truly,

J D MacLean

Minister of Education.